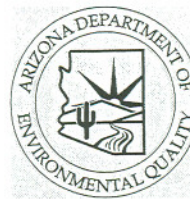




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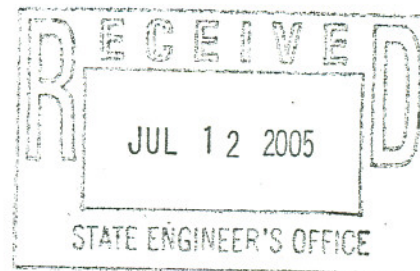
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RE: Consent Order Docket No.P-12-04; Exhibit 3: Submittal of a Complete Individual AZPDES Permit Application by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)

Dear Mr. Forstie:

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has examined the subject application for completeness.

ADOT's application is for an individual statewide Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) AZPDES stormwater permit. The permit will cover a diversity of activities and locations throughout the state for which there is no existing, appropriate permit application format or template. As you know, ADEQ developed a unique application format for ADOT's use and directed ADOT, in a letter dated September 28, 2004 from Karyn Moldenhauer, to use this format in its AZPDES permit application for stormwater discharges.

The format recognizes that ADOT's discharging activities resemble those of a municipality, an industry and a construction operator. Previously, we determined that many of the traditional application components required per A.A.C. R18-9-B901 were either already provided by ADOT or were not essential for determining appropriate permit conditions for ADOT's current activities. Owing to ADOT's unique qualities as an MS4, ADEQ created a tailored application to enable ADOT to focus resources on the most important descriptors of activities that impact stormwater quality.

ADEQ compared the above-mentioned format with the documents submitted on March 1, 2005 and has determined the submittal is complete.

Finally, we understand ADOT seeks this completeness letter in order to proceed with posting the entire application on its website for public access. ADEQ wishes to advise ADOT to make the public aware of the history and composition of this permit that makes it unique. ADOT and the public should also be aware that by declaring this application as "administratively complete," ADEQ only acknowledges that it has received ADOT's application on time (March 1, 2005) and

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that all of the requested elements of the application were submitted pursuant to Karyn Moldenhauer's letter.

ADEQ eagerly looks forward to working closely with ADOT on this project. I can be contacted either by phone at (602) 771-4501 or e-mail at dt1@azdeq.gov for further discussion on this permit application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis L. Turner".

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